

LT. JOHN COVER

TALKS TO CADET CORPS

On March 8th Lieutenant John Cover gave the Corps a very interesting talk on his experiences in this war. Lieutenant Cover is a graduate of Augusta having graduated with the class of 1932. In 1941 he entered the Navy as an Ensign. Since then he has been promoted to the grade of Lieutenant, Senior Grade.

He was stationed at Bunker Hill, Indiana, attached to the Naval Air Station there. He was transferred to San Diego, California, and from there was sent to the South Pacific. He was in on the Marianas invasion, and stationed in Sipan for 24 days. He was also on Tinian.

He was assigned to General MacArthur's fleet, and was in on the invasion of Moratai. On October 20th, he went on the invasion of Leyte, and on the ninth of January invaded Luzon. After this action he was sent back to the United States, and he expects to return to the West Coast in the near future.

While John Cover was at Augusta he was the First Lieutenant of "B" Company, and was the quarterback on the football team. He has done much to make AMA proud of him, and we all certainly are.

CADET MILLARD ELECTED PRESIDENT JUNIOR LITERARY SOCIETY

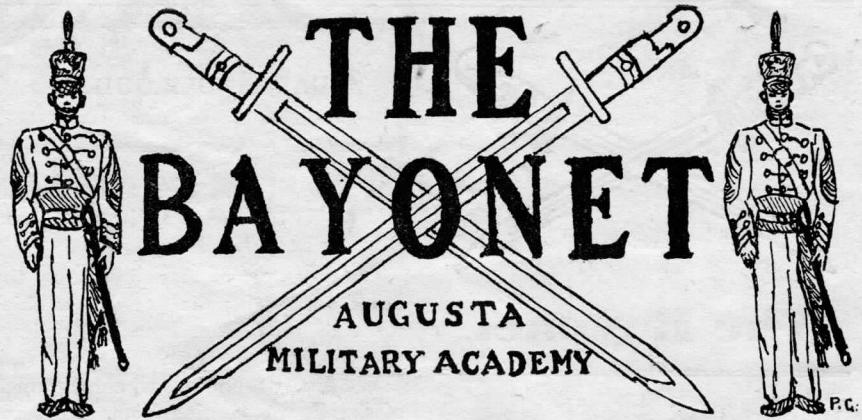
On the same day as the election for the Senior Ciceronian Society officers, the Junior Literary Society held an election electing their officers. Elected as President was Cadet Millard, Vice President was St. Clair, Secretary was Cadet Brown WE, Treasurer was Cadet Barnard, and Cadet Layng A, was the Sergeant-at-Arms.

This society holds its own meetings, has its own officers, and is completely independent of the senior society. It holds an important place in the life of the average junior, as it provides a well guarded channel for his mind to run through.

"THE LAST STAR OF THE ASTRA"

If you will all listen very closely, I will tell you a little secret. We go home soon! Yep, it's not long. Just about seven more days. Then . . . ah, then . . . we can sit down to a real home-cooked meal, enjoy our food without any lengthly sermons on what the model cadet should and should not do by you know who.

But then, there is a little work attached to it. EXAMS. They start
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Augusta Places Fifth In National Swimming Meet

Blue and White Mermen Top Virginia State Entries.

The sextet from Augusta which was entered in the National Swimming Meet held at Trenton, N. J., last Friday night, placed fifth in the nation. There were six medals awarded to the boys from Augusta and they made a wonderful showing.

Record Proves Claim to State Title

The race was run off by first picking the best from heats, and those selected were entered in the finals. The results for Augusta were as follows:

50 yds. Venzer won his heat. Time 25.2.

50 yds. Venzer won third place in finals.

100 yds. Schutte won his heat. Time 61.

100 yds. Schutte won third place in finals. Time, 61.

100 yds. Jones won his heat. Time, 61.4. Jones did not get in finals.

100 yds. Long won his heat. Time, 1.10. Long did not get in finals.

200 yds. Relay—Neff, Coleman, Venzer, Schutte. AMA won their heat. Time 1.45.

200 yds. Relay Team won fourth place in finals.

With this excellent showing, AMA goes down on the books as the fifth best in the nation. Under the coaching of Major Deane, this team shows the wonderful quality typified in all sports at Augusta.

Capt. Morrissey is Honored

Captain Morrissey was recognized at the meet as the most prominent official there. He was introduced to the hundreds of spectators by the director of the meet. He introduced him

with these words, "We have with us today, one of the men directly responsible for these meets being held here today. Thirty years ago, at the University of Pennsylvania, this man was largely responsible for the organization of the National Swimming Championship Meets in the United States. Ladies and Gentlemen, I present to you, Peter J. Morrissey." Captain Morrissey was made an honorary official at the meet, the only one there, and honored in numerous other ways. The following is the scores of all teams entered and in order: Lawrenceville 41, Mercersburg 33, Columbia Grammar 20, Haverford 19, Augusta 10, Randolph Macon 7, Staunton 7, Newark 5, VFMA 4, NYMA 4, Perkiomen 2, Peddie 1.

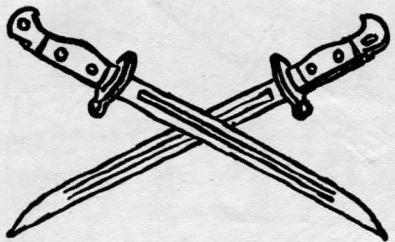
CICERONIAN SOCIETY

ELECTS OFFICERS

At a meeting of the Cadet Corps, the officers of the Ciceronian Literary Society were elected. Captain Jay Richardson was elected as President, Jimmy Pigg as Vice President, Van Pelt as Secretary, Wasco as Treasurer, and Chipley was elected as Sergeant-at-Arms.

This society has been in operation at Augusta since 1865, and since then has not missed a year of activity. It was organized by Professor C. S. Roller eighty years ago, and it is the oldest Ciceronian Literary Society in any Prep school in the United States.

Every year at Finals, this society holds a prominent place in the end-of-the-year activities with the cadets participating in the program of debates, declamations, and speeches.



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A PREVIEW OF THE RECALL

Here's a first hand, authentic preview of this year's Recall. The cover is a beautiful design on white leather, with embossed figures on the front cover. There are pictures never before seen in any book in this year's Annual. The company pictures are from a new angle recently developed by our photographic department. The seniors' pictures are a marvel, both the formal and the informal shots. The sports feature is the most complete ever given in any of the past three years. There are more pages than ever before, and the pages are filled with the kind of material that the cadets like to read and remember.

With these treats in store for you, be sure to get your copy. Simply have one reserved for you in 304. Do it today!

QUADRANGLE QUIRPS

A new one has been added to our midst. There seems to be a "Dream Boy" in 322. Eh, Mike?

Litten reopened for business the other night when he got a new shipment of food from home. Koellmer was his best customer.

We finally found out where the smell of skunks was coming from. Ross got a package containing limburger cheese.

Captain Joe is the best captain in the batallion, if you don't believe me ask anybody in "A" Company.

Whom does Keesling send all those letters to in West Virginia? Holding out on us, Rod?

Everyone is getting ready for the coming exams, even Bobo.

How does "E" Company rate the ribbon two times in a row? Better watch out or "E" will go home with the citation cord.

They gave Red Cross pins to everyone in the batallion who contributed. Now Fotinos has another medal to wear on his fatigue coat.

It looks as if Schloss has met his match at Monopoly. Just ask him about it.

How come the bananas Sunday? Thanks, Captain Fontaine.

Mrs. Goodwin says that her fifth period class drives her crazy. How about it, Bennett?

Heap big Lieutenant of Second platoon "B" Company, Chief Long.

Why is Litten so afraid of the stick that Stewart has?

I'd like your wholehearted, 100% cooperation. Guess who.

Brown RM thinks it's quite the accomplishment when he can tell his girl in three different languages. Ego amo te, Amo usted, and I love you.

On the radio on Tuesday evening at ten-thirty it is Hildegarde and her Raleigh Room. At AMA on Monday evening it is Capt. Fontaine and the Roller Room (the evening that Major graciously gives a special dinner to the Monday Guard Detail.)

Cadet Jay Richardson's lips were mighty red with chapping (I guess) when he came back from town last week.

Simmons JB was running all over the campus last Sunday afternoon. Where'd those Fairfax girls go? Where'd those Fairfax girls go?

Washington women beware! Don Juan McKee is planning on spending his March Vacation there.

When mail carriers is turned out, what are those funny things we hear

on the North side of barracks? 306-322. "Stiefel", calls Taylor F., "Stiefel" hollers Moerschell. "Stiefel", yells Wasco. "Stiefel", screams the Nelsons.

When you ask Taylor F. for a book of addresses of his Washington women, he'll sharply retort, "Which volume?"

Brown RM got the biggest thrill of his life when he rang the gong at the White Swan.

Here's the payoff. DiBello stuck Bailes for dirty belt at inspection. Oh, Oh.

What was the strange sound that came out of A Company at parade Sunday?

It seems that at inspection a little while ago, a certain cadet had failed to clean his rifle. So, the lieutenant quickly switched the dirty rifle for a clean one that had already been inspected. Result. One man got stuck for a dirty rifle, and the other man got second place for a very good rifle. You figure it out, I can't.

COMPANY "B" OF

AUGUSTA'S BATALLION

It is plain to see that "B" Company is one of the most outstanding companies in the Batallion. Under the efficient leadership of Cadet Captain Jack Stanley, "B" Company has won the ribbon four times. This is more than any other company. They have held the citation cord as many times as any other company, twice. The Lieutenants of "B" Company are McCrum, Coen J., and Long R. The First Sergeant is DeJarnette, and the Platoon Sergeants are Dunn and Stone.

The non-coms, upon which so much depends are Gentry, Addison, Wilson HB, Carlisle, Spilman, Laying G., Gorton, Simmons, Freeman N., and Carpenter G. These boys are the backbone of the company, and the fact that "B" Company is so far ahead of the rest of the Batallion can directly be traced to the efficient work of these non-coms.

Officers of "B" Company

Captain, Jack Stanley
Executive Officer, McCrum
Lieutenants, Coen J. and Long R.
First Sergeant, DeJarnette
Men in Company, 50. Average age, 16. Air Cadets 7. Times held ribbon, 4. Times held citation cord, 2.

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AUGUSTA MATMEN

DEFEAT V S D B

Last week the Blue and White wrestlers met VSDB for the return match, and emerged victors after one of the most exciting and most hotly contested meets ever witnessed in the history of the sport in these parts. It should be added that this is the second year that VSDB has had the same team. They were eight regular bouts and four exhibitions.

In the 110 lb. class, Kirby lost by a fall, time one minute first period, to Alderman.

The 115 lb. class saw Callahan quickly pinning Brooks after one minute of the first round.

The 120 lb. class saw Anderson piling up a strong advantage of points in the first two periods only to get too anxious to pin his man and get thrown himself by Cole with but twenty seconds of the bout remaining.

The 125 lb. class saw Tommy Tompkins pinning his opponent after 55 seconds of the second period.

Melchor in the 135 lb. class gave one of the finest exhibitions of the afternoon when he time and again came out of a pinning position. This effort brought him almost a tie, but with the time advantage giving his opponent the bout.

In the 145 lb. class Mayer won a decision from Kipps.

In the 155 lb. class DeJarnette kept up his fine record by pinning his man in fifty seconds.

Woody duplicated his roommate's performance by pinning his man in fifty-five seconds.

In the exhibition bouts McQuillan won by a fall in one minute, while Larus and Malloy G., lost to their opponents. The bout of Gonzales came to an abrupt conclusion when each contestant was incapacitated.

MARCH HONOR ROLL

The Honor Roll for March is as follows: Atwood, Bazemore, Beck, Blackley, Bowie, Brown D., Brown RM, Brown WE, Callahan, Caudill, Chamblin, Coen J., Cohoon, Collinge, Congden J., Cordero, Evans, Foreman, Freshman, Fretz, Green, Hayden, Hezzer, Izenberg, Jayne, Kelly, Lawther BJ., Lepper, Lemmon, Lindsay, Long PK., Long R., Lowe, Mandes, Marks D., Marks F., Maust, Mayer, Melchor, Mintz, Mohler, Monson, M'Loney, McQuillen, Olvey, Owen WC., Phil-

lips IW., Purcel, Rich, Richardson J., Ritz, Rose, Rowe, Sanders J., Sanders W., Saxon, Schutte, Segar, Simmons J., Simmons R., Smith RB., Spillman, Stanley L., St. Clair, Stern, Street, Thomas FC., Thompson JF., Van Meter, VanZandt, VerWebe, Wantz, Weinstein, Williams, Chris, Williams CB., Williams SM., Wilson D., Winn, Wong C., Wong J., Woody T., Wright Zittrain.

This is one of the largest Honor Rolls of this year, and we hope that it will keep growing.

JAYVEE BASKETBALL TEAM ENDS SUCCESSFUL SEASON

The JV Basketball Team, under the supervision of Lieutenant Krammer, started off this year by defeating New Hope High School, 31-21. The high scorers of this game were Litten and Coen J., Litten scoring 13 points and Coen scoring 8. The next game was with Verona High, which we won 26-21. Litten was also the high scorer with 12 points, and Coen scored 7. Our next game was with Mt. Sidney in which, at the end of the third quarter, Mt. Sidney had to leave. At the end of the third quarter the score was 31-21 in favor of Mt. Sidney. The next game was with New Hope at New Hope. This was the hardest game that our team played all season. The game was played into three extra periods, finally ending with a tie, 30-30. Litten and White were the high scorers of this game. The last game of the season was with Verona at AMA. We won this game 30-21. Leading the scorers were Litten and Coen with 16 and 8 points respectively.

This year was a very prosperous one for the JV Basketball Team. They played five games and lost only one. The high scorers for the season were Litten, Coen J., White, and Gentry. The cadets that played were Coen J., Litten, White, Gentry, Saxon, Krackovitch, Sanders J., Barnes H. Childs, Woods, Boyd, Wreden, Phillips C.

SPRING SPORTS

Baseball

Coach Waleski is shaping up a prize winning team with the comparatively raw material that he has to work with. There are no outstanding players yet, but from the looks of some of the boys on the field it won't be long till we can pick the stars of the team. The candidates for the team so far are: May, Koellmer, Bazemore, Heizer, Nicklos, Johnson, Green, DiBello, Woody, Lingerfelt, Larus, Seward, Powell, Boyd, Keesling, Henry P., Burton N., Steel, Gruber, Heatwole, Mintz, Litten, Long R., Brown D., Stiefel, Oyler, Stewart, HB.

They are working hard and there is much promise for a wonderful team in the near future.

Golf

Coach Waleski is also coaching the Golf Team. They are practicing on the Ingleside Golf Course, and the transportation is furnished by Major Roller. The candidates so far are: Thompson EL., Williams T., Cashin, Collinge, Zittrain, Seibold, Winn, Kearse, Rowe, Williams CB., Burton N., Patterson, Maust, Brewer, Caudill, Lever, Spillman, Saxon, Moerschell, Nelson RM., Walters.

With the experience these boys have had plus the tips that Coach Waleski can give them, the Golf Team ought to go far.

Tennis

Under the expert supervision of Dr. Velte, the tennis team is rapidly taking shape. The courts have been weeded and rolled down, and the boys will begin batting the balls back and forth over the net very shortly. Dr. Velte is an expert on the subject of tennis, having coached many champions to fame. With such an instructor, how can we lose?

Along with all these sports, Fencing and Wrestling will continue in preparation for next year's schedule.

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**ADVENTURES OF
STUBBS PARKER**

Last week we left Stubbs sore and bruised from boxing and wrestling. Stubbs' pride was hurt, (a few other things too) but he was determined to make some team besides the yo-yo team. He was going to try out for the basketball team, but they were fortunate and closed their season before he came out.

Stubbs, who was a very poor Spanish student, sat at Major Hoover's table in the mess hall. He got to talking with Major and was persuaded to come out for the fencing team. Here, thought Stubbs, was a good way of passing that *|(-·)|%./ Spanish.

So-o-o, bright and early Monday morning Stubbs got out of bed and stretched and, then got back into bed. After inspection he got up and put on his new sweat suit and tennis shoes, that were supplied him.

Here is something I will get out of fencing, thought Stubbs.

Well, he went down to the lower academic hall and stood around watching the men sabering for a while.

"That's easy" said Stubbs, "I could beat any of you. All you have to do is slash around until you hit someone."

"OK", said Moeschell, "come on and try it."

Thirty-four seconds, thirty-four welts, and one broken blade later, Stubbs fell to the floor and asked for a drink of water. The water was brought and Stubbs drank it. "More, more," cried Stubbs. "You better not drink any more," said Major Hoover, "It's bad for you." "But I must have more," said Stubbs. "It leaks out through these holes in me and none of it goes down to my stomach."

Three weeks later Stubbs got out of the infirmary. In a wheel chair 'tis

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true, but at least he got out, and he wasn't even on the "Crip List."

After fully recovering he was told to report to the Commandant's Office. Stubbs went to the designated room and knocked on the door. He threw in his hat first to see if it was O. K. to go in. He knew that if it came back out he should stay out.

However, the hat remained in the office and Stubbs entered. Major beckoned him to sit down, and started talking to him.

"Son," said Major, "Because you have refused to give up in your attempts at sports and tried very hard at them, I am going to make you a lieutenant again."

"Oh, thank you!" said Stubbs. "I wanted so much to be an officer again."

"I admire a man with so much bone and vigor," said Major.

Stubbs thought if he got to be a lieutenant by going out for sports that he could get even higher rank by continuing to go out for them. So Stubbs went out for the rifle team.

Now there is a sport thought Stubbs which is nothing to worry about, nothing to do, just get up there and plug away. So one sunny (?) afternoon Stubbs wandered down to the range.

"Sure you can join," said Sgt. Michaels. "Take that rifle and lets see if you know anything about it."

So Stubbs picked up a rifle and fired it five times. In those first five shots he hit the target once, two light bulbs and two target clips.

"Wonderful," said Sgt. Michaels. "In another 50 or 60 yards you'll be able to hit the target two out of five shots."

Subbs kept at his rifle team work and gradually improved. He took a rifle and some ammunition to his room to do some homework. He leaned out of the window and took a couple of pot shots at everything he saw. He saw a bunch of sheep and took a shot at them. He heard a P-s-s-s-s-s and a "Who in the devil is shooting a rifle up there!" Guess Who?

(Read next issue see how Stubbs gets out of this one.)

**JUNIOR BARRACKS
COLUMN**

Just Imagine Contest

Just imagine candy by the yard. Malamut G. received some recently.

Thompson J. in Evans G's pajamas top in the infirmary.

Mrs. Davis taking a walk without Ace.

Haley or Borden not fighting.

Jones S., keeping away from any mirror in sight.

Pavitt P. being on time.

Chamblin B. getting into trouble.

Dustin E. not dreaming of "Hides". Mother Mac not being on hand to make you feel better.

Mrs. Thompson not in the Mess Hall.

Captain Fontaine very thin.

Major Hoover failing to report a single cadet while on guard.

Captain Davis without a lot of black hair.

Room 347 clean.

Jacobs N. with a clean neck.

Mrs. Waleski without a Don't Try List.

VanHorn with clean ears.

Laying (Tony) wide awake.

Tripple without his "Niggah Junior Stories."

Long PK being noisy.

Some juniors taking a bath without being told.

Hague F. and Agin M. like to write with chalk.

Rapp has joined the band. No wonder it is so quiet in 343.

"The Last Star of The Astra"

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soon, too.

We all know when we leave, but when do we come back?

Now what will we do when we get home. I don't know about you, but first comes Alice, then Mary, Joyce, Frances, Lulu, Joan, Jackie, then come the folks. Think that's okay, huh? Well, all the boys are off to the wars, that helps some.

But getting serious for a change, we really will have to work when we get back. G.I. is looming close on the horizon of the future. We are going to have to go some to get anything this year. It's gonna be tough for us all, but we've got the guts and the confidence. That's what's going to win for America—Augusta—and every individual cadet.

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